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Save the Date, May 24 is Spokane County Walk to School Day

**Only 13% of children nationally walk to school compared with 66% in 1970*

SPOKANE, Wash. – If you are one of the many people in Spokane County interested in safely increasing physical activity among our children then mark your calendars for Tues., May 24, when Spokane County will celebrate its official Walk to School Day.

[Spokane Regional Health District](#) (SRHD), law enforcement, Spokane Community Oriented Policing (SCOPE), and various cities' engineers and planners are working with numerous schools in Spokane County in honor of the event, encouraging students, parents, teachers, community leaders, and possibly a mascot or two to walk and roll to school on May 24. The day has potential to positively impact the lives of 26,551 students among the five school districts.

Media are invited on May 24 to Otis Orchards Elementary School, 22000 E. Wellesley Ave., Otis Orchards, to witness their celebration of the event, including one of at least three walking school buses happening that day. A walking school bus is when a parent or responsible adult walks with children to school, and formally or informally, coordinates with other parents to pick up children along the way.

More information will also become available closer to the event. If you have questions about how you can participate, contact SRHD's health program specialist for its Physical Activity and Nutrition program, Natalie Tauzin, by emailing ntauzin@spokanecounty.org. More information will also be made available at www.srhd.org. SRHD's website offers comprehensive, updated information about Spokane Regional Health District and its triumphs in making Spokane a safer and healthier community.

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